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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masahiro SHIMIZU, et al.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CEHTER 2800 The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows.

(Amended) [The method according to claim 12, said source/drain of said second transistor having a highly doped region, wherein:

the step of forming said source/drain of said second transistor includes the step of forming first metal silicide at a surface of said heavily doped region; and

the step of forming said bit line includes the steps of: forming a plug electrode in said first contact hole; forming second metal silicide at a surface of said plug electrode;